GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:498
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BIDI WORKERS
JAYASHREE BANERJEE

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of bidi workers in Madhya Pradesh and the number of workers to whom identity cards have been issued;

(b) whether the State Government had sent proposals for construction of 2030 residential units by the Union Government for bidi workers in Jabalpur Division in 1995-96 under Bidi Workers Welfare Fund;

(c) if so, the details of the decision taken so far in this regard; and

(d) the number of the factories registered in Jabalpur division till the year 2000 and the number of the employees/workers working therein as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) : There are approximately 7,00,000 beedi workers in the State of Madhya Pradesh. About 6,93,239 beedi workers have been issued identity cards.

(b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) : The proposal sent by the State Government was not in conformity with the requirement of the Scheme. The district authorities have since also conveyed their inability to construct houses.

(d) : Number of registered beedi making Factories : 312
Number of workers therein as on 31.03.1999 : 1,14,475